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RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE  
BAC GIANG, NORTH VIETNAM  
2116N 10611E  
[REDACTED]

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A HEAVILY DAMAGED AND UNSERVICEABLE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 1A OVER THE SONG THUONG (RIVER) ON THE WEST EDGE OF BAC GIANG.

2. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE BAC GIANG RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG [REDACTED] LIES ON THE ONLY RAIL LINE AND THE PRINCIPAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN HA NOI AND THE SOUTHEAST CHINA BORDER REGION. STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT THE BRIDGE WAS STRUCK AT LEAST SIX TIMES IN APRIL 1966 AND AGAIN ON 05 MAY 1966. TWENTY-NINE USAF AIRCRAFT STRUCK THE TARGET AND EXPENDED THIRTY-EIGHT 3000-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS, EIGHTEEN 750-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS, AND FOUR PODS CBU FLARES.

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3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE BAC GIANG RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO BE HEAVILY DAMAGED AND UNSERVICEABLE. TWO SPANS AND TWO SHORING PIERS ON THE NORTHEAST END OF THE BRIDGE HAVE BEEN DROPPED INTO THE RIVER. A FERRY AND TWO PONTOON SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED NORTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE AND SEVERAL PONTOON SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED SOUTHEAST OF THE BRIDGE (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

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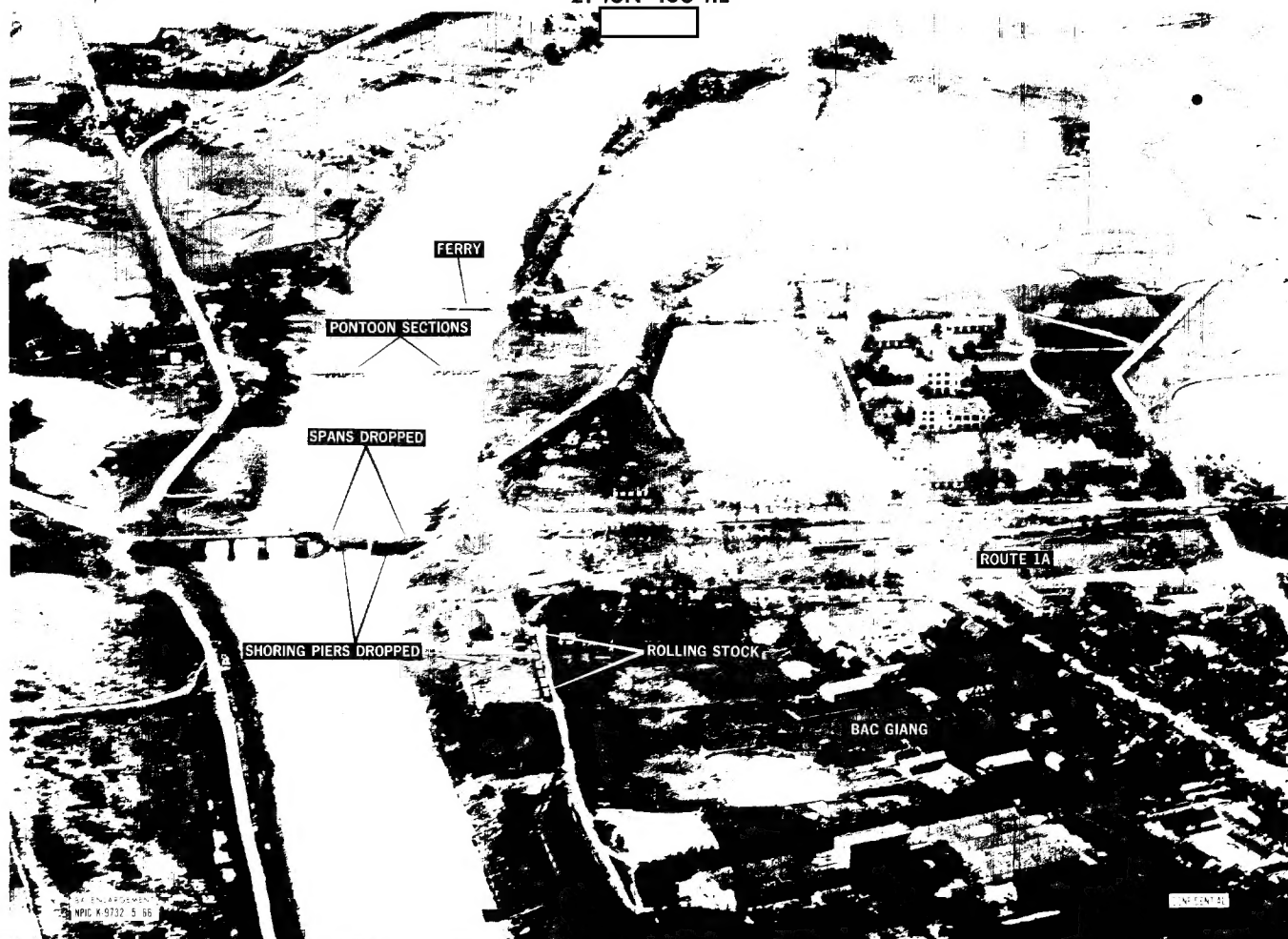
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